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TOPIC Soviet Supply Installations in the area of Fuerstenwalde 25X1

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1. On 16 June, about 10 new and 15 to 20 used caterpillar tractors were seen in the former pump factory on Berliner Strasse, Fuerstenwalde. The factory is used as Soviet repair shop. * 25X1

2. During the period from 5 to 23 June, the Aufbauschule (secondary school) opposite the motor vehicle repair shop on Berliner Strasse was occupied by about 200 men with red-epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. About 60 soldiers daily went to the repair shop. Motor vehicles seen included: 12 caterpillar tractors were in the caterpillar tractor repair shop; about 15 caterpillar tractors, trucks, and 3 repair shop trucks which were in the yard of the school. * 25X1

3. On 13 and 20 June, the Soviet ration supply depot on Verlaengerte Lindenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde, was occupied by between 150 and 200 officers and EN. The depot covered an area of about 1,800 x 500 meters and included 15 houses for officers and personnel, 4 large garages and 3 guard towers. Boxes were allegedly stored in the garages. About 300 boxes, 180 x 150 cm each, were unloaded from two barges into one of the large garages on 20 June. Five trucks with boxes with the inscription Heine and Co, Meat and Sausage Factory, Frankfurt/Oder, were unloaded at the depot on the same day. the trucks belonged to the Reitor Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde. They left the depot in the direction of Muellrose-Jamlitz. Sedans and truck were seen at the depot. * 25X1

4. Motor vehicles seen at the ration supply depot on 1 July 1952 included amphibious car and trucks * 25X1

5. On 17 and 18 June, the engine r equipment depot in Fuerstenwalde-Ketschendorf was occupied by about 300 to 350 troops. They were quartered in seven low wooden buildings, 30 x 8 meters. The engineer and bridge-building equipment was stored in three large garages. Six speed boats and several pontoons were seen. About 120 soldiers were engaged in repair work in the shops and 70 soldiers assembled bridge-building equipment. Motor vehicles seen included: Sedan and trucks * 25X1

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6. In addition to the 3 large garages in the northwest section of the depot, there were 5 or 6 other large garages in the southwest section and 3 garages in the southeast section of the depot. Between 250 and 300 box pontoons were stored in the northwest section of the area.

7. During the period from 10 to 12 June, the machinery for a work shop of the radio installation located in the former Nitsche and Gunther Factory on Ebert Ring, Rathenow, was dismantled and hauled to a factory in a wooded area north of Fuerstenwalde. The trucks which hauled the equipment [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] had been stationed at the 21st Kaserno in Rathenow but, after the shipment, remained at the factory in Fuerstenwalde. The machinery was assembled on prepared mounts during the period from 16 to 20 June. They included 12 large lathes, 24 small lathes, 18 milling machines, 1 vertical lathe, 14 drilling machines, 32 table drilling machines, 12 table lathes, 12 metal cutting saws, 6 planing machines for processing metal, 7 grinding machines, 1 locksmith's workshop, 1 hardening furnace, 4 vulcanizers. About 130 Soviet soldiers were employed at the repair shop. They were sent from Rathenow and were quartered in barracks situated in the factory area which was equipped with a kitchen. No German personnel was employed. Four trucks carrying plates and rounds of duraluminum arrived at the factory on 12 June. **

* [redacted] Comment. The information confirms the supply installation in that area. The motor vehicles seen belong to the 30FG, the Fourth Gds Lecz Army and to the IV Arty Corps.

** [redacted] Comment. It appears plausible that a new repair workshop may be established there.

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